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SUBJECT: DEMIREL-ECEVIT EXCHANGE ON DOMESTIC UNREST

1. TURKISH POLITICAL LEADERS HAVE CONTINUED ACRIMONIOUS EXCHANGE OF ACCUSATIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

2. SPEAKING TO THE JUSTICE PARTY (JP) JOINT PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON JANUARY 28, JP CHAIRMAN PRIMIN DEMIREL ACCUSED THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) OF COMPLICITY IN THE UNREST: "THE RPP NEVER REPROACHES THOSE WHO SHOOT THE WATCHMAN, THE POLICEMAN, THE TURKISH OFFICER. THE RPP NEVER REPROACHES THE ANARCHISTS. IT CANNOT REPROACH BECAUSE IT IS INVOLVED."

3. DEMIREL SAID FURTHER, "THE RPP IS BURNING TO COME

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TO POWER. THE GOAL OF THE RPP'S STRATEGY IS TO DEFEND

AND TO ENCOURAGE THE 'STREET', TO MAKE PARLIAMENT UNWORKABLE, AND THUS TO CREATE DISCOURAGEMENT AND DISGUST AS TO CAUSE AN EXPLOSION IN PARLIAMENTARY ARITHMETIC." IF THESE TACTICS PROVED SUCCESSFUL, ACCORDING TO DEMIREL, "IT WILL BE A VICTORY FOR THE LEFT AND A DEFEAT FOR NATIONALISM".

4. AT THE SAME MEETING, JP DEPUTY FOR BUSA ALI ELVERDI, I RETIRED GENERAL AND FORMER MARTIAL LAW TRIBUNAL CHAIRMAN, GAVE A BRIEFING ON COMMUNIST SUBVERSION INTERNATIONALLY. TURNING TO TURKEY, ELVERDI ASSERTED THAT, "ANARCHIC INCIDENTS TODAY ARE THE CONTINUATION OF THE INCIDENTS BEFORE MARCH 12, 1971." ACCORDING TO ELVERDI, PRESENT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN TURKEY HAVE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME PARTICIPANTS, THE SAME BACKERS, AND THE SAME ENDS AS EARLIER. ELVERDI ALSO BLAMED MUCH OF PRESENT TROUBLES ON THE MAY 1974 AMNESTY WHICH HAD RELEASED MANY EXTREMISTS FROM PRISON.

5. ALSO ON JANUARY 28, RPP CHAIRMAN ECEVIT ISSUED A STATEMENT IN WHICH HE MAINTAINED THAT "EVEN SOME UNBIASED MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT PARTIES AND SOME WINGS OF THE GOVERNEMENT" HAVE COME TO RECOGNIZE "THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY IN THE VIOLENT EVENTS WHICH ARE MAKING TURKEY A BATTLE-FIELD." ECEVIT QUOTED THAT ALLEGED STATEMENT OF MININTERIOR ASILTURK (NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY, NSP) TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE WAS NO RPT NO DISCERNABLE "DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ACTIONS AIMED AT DESTROYING THE PUBLIC ORDER AND ANARCHIC ACTIONS OSTENSIBLY TO PROTECT THE STATE." ECEVIT QUOTED ALSO DEPUTY PRIMIN FEYZIOGLU (REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY, RR) THAT "ANARCHY CANNOT BE PREVENTED WITH COUNTER-ANARCHY" AND DEPUTY PRIMIN ERBAKAN (NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY, NSP) THAT THE FIGHT AGAINST ANARCHY MUST BE MADE "WITH THE LEGAL STATE FORCES." ATTACKING THE THRID JUNIOR PARTNER IN THE NATIONALIST FRONT COALITION, DEPUTY PRIMIN TURKES' NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP), ECEVIT DECLARED, "IT IS CLEAR WHO WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT IS THE DIRECTOR OF ANARCHIC ACTION OSTENSIBLY TO PROTECT THE STATE." MOREOVER, ACCORDING TO ECEVIT, "THE PRIMIN HAS REMAINED DEAF TO THE WARNINGS WHICH ARE BEGINNING TO COME FROM WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND IS COOPERATING WITH THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLANNER OF THIS 'COUNTER-ANARCHY'."

6. COMMENT: DESPITE THE TRANSPARENCY OF ECEVIT'S EFFORTS TO DIVIDE THE NATIONALIST FRONT COALITION PARTNERS, THE RPP LEADER'S VERBAL ASSAULTS MAY INDEED UNDERLINE MISGIVINGS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE NAP'S USE OF ITS "STREET POWER" TO "ASSIST" THE LEGALLY- CONSTITUTED SECURITY FORCES AGAINST LEFTISTS.

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